

# News from Ed Markey

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## **MARKEY: WETLANDS ARE NOT LANDFILLS FOR MALLS AND SUPERMARKETS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a Senior Member of the House Resources Committee and Energy and Commerce Committee, released the following statement in reaction to the Environmental Protection Agency's joint announcement with the Army Corps of Engineers to continue support for protection of critical wetlands areas around the country.

Rep. Markey said, "Wetlands are crucial for protecting water quality, mitigating floods and providing wildlife habitat. Today the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers backed down in the face of strong Congressional and public opposition. The EPA and Army Corps abandoned their efforts to strip away key protections for wetlands. Just because a wetland is 'isolated', doesn't mean it should be 'expendable' or 'unprotected.'"

"These are often critical habitats, not landfills for a mall or supermarket. The federal protections for the thousands of wetlands areas in Massachusetts alone should be preserved for the good of America's public health, environment, and wildlife," Rep. Markey concluded.

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